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Letter To The Editor

Nathan Hale, Spy

Sir: Chairman Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has termed espionage "a nasty and distasteful business" which he deplores. The President of the United States admitting he was personally involved in it. I wonder whether the average American considers the U-2 flights "a nasty business" which they hate to associate with their country and their President. American history indicates our forefathers did not consider espionage a "nasty business" when it became the center of one of the most written-about chapters of the American Revolution.

At the time when the British were

imprisoned on Long Island, George Washington asked for a volunteer who would discover their plan for attacking New York. Nathan Hale, a young school teacher volunteer in the cause for freedom, answered Washington's appeal. The British learned of his activities and captured him. At the foot of the scaffold where he was to hang, he was tauntingly asked for his last words. His—"I only regret that I have but one life to give to my Country." He never ceased to thrill Americans who read his unforgettable reply.

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Baltimore, June 8.